MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Is the member asking the number of schools in 1106 or the number of schools till this time. If it is the former, I would claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : It is the latter.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : 476.

Pullan chira and Plassery chira in Vayalar East.

290. ***MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR** (*Shertala II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that Pullan *chira* and Plassery *chira* in Vayalar East are systematically neglected ;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that such neglect has caused considerable loss to the paddy cultivators of over 2,000 *paras* of paddy land enclosed within the said *chiras* ;

(*c*) whether the Government have been repeatedly approached to make provision for putting the said *chiras* with the necessary locks on a permanent basis ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, why they have not taken up the matter yet ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) They are not maintained by Government.

(*b*) and (*c*) Representations were made in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

(*d*) The matter is being investigated.

Complaint against the Head Constable in charge of the Edalakudy Police Station.

291. ***MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there has been any complaint against Mr. M. Govinda Pillai, Head Constable in charge, Edalakudy Station, for refusing *vakalaths* being got signed by the person in his custody and

(*b*) whether there has been any instance of his doing so, even in spite of the Magistrate's orders to get the *vakalaths* signed by persons in his custody ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) and (*b*) No.

Pakuthi staff in Edappalli.

292. ***MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names with age, caste, examination qualifications and the date of appointment in the present places of Proverthicars and Accountants of the five *pakuthies* under the Edappalli Chief ;

(*b*) whether there is any order that the *pakuthi* staff of these five *pakuthies* should have the same qualifications as those of the Government *pakuthi* staff ;

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